# Ripped from the **ROUNDUP**

Ripped straight from the pages of old Space News Roundups, here's what happened at JSC on this date:

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Out of Texas' Past: Try a Texas History Pop Quiz

- 1. Who was the first president of the Texas Republic?
- 2. On what holiday did this state secede from the United States in 1861?
- 3. The first capital of Texas was Monclova, Mexico, at the beginning of the 18th century. How many times has the capital's location been changed since then?
- 4. At the time of her annexation, Texas' borders embraced territory now lying in five other states. What are those states? (Answers at bottom of page)

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irector Dr. Robert R. Gilruth
was interviewed on Monday,
April 12, the 10th anniversary
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Gagarin's orbital flight, man's first venture into space. He had just sent a congratulatory telegram to Moscow.

He remembers well a phone conversation with a reporter in the early morning hours on April 12, 1961. "It's happened, Dr. Gilruth. There's a man named Yuri Gagarin who is in orbit. Do you have any comment?" "Well," Dr. Gilruth recalls saying, "I hope he gets down all right."

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he countdown is at L-minus-25 days and counting today for Space Center Houston, now fully funded after the sale of bonds that will finance the project.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$70 million visitor center at JSC are set for 11 a.m. May 28. All JSC and contractor employees and the public are invited.

Harold Stall, MSFEFI President and JSC Public Affairs Director, said construction will begin on its 123-acre site near JSC's main gate immediately after the groundbreaking.

Grand opening is set in the fall of 1992. The 183,000-square-foot facility will occupy 50 acres of land to the left of the main entrance.

(Answers to 1966)

1. David G. Burnet (who is burned in Galveston). Not Sam Houston.

2. On Texas Independence Day, March S. On Texas Independence Day, Morch S. Changed to Los Adaes (in present Louisiana); then to San Antonio, Saltillo, Monclova again, San Felipe de Austin, Washington-on-the San Felipe de Austin, Washington-on-the San Felipe de Austin, Houston again, columbia, Houston, Austin, Houston again, and at last back to Austin.

4. New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kansas, Columbia, Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Columbia, Moreiton, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kansas, Columbia, Moreiton, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kans



#### Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a date of great importance for the Mexican and Chicano communities. Many people think that Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's Independence. However, it marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla.

Although the Mexican army was eventually defeated, the "Batalla de Puebla"—which became known as simply "5 de Mayo"—represents a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism. With this victory, Mexico demonstrated to the world that Mexico and all of Latin America were willing to defend themselves of any foreign intervention.

JSC's Cinco de Mayo program featuring professional Latin dancers Monica Oljneika and Josh Zuniga will be Friday, May 4, in Building 3 at 11:30 a.m.

### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Almost two decades ago, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution declaring the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week as May 4-10, 1979. Then in 1990, President George Bush signed an extension making the weeklong celebration into a month-long. Finally, Public Law 102-450 approved on October 23, 1992, designated May of each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

In observance of Asian Pacific American Month, Rathna Kumar and the Anjali dancers will entertain in the building 3 cafeteria at 11:30 p.m. on May 16.

## 23rd Annual JSC FOD Chili Cookoff

Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Gilruth Picnic area

8:30 a.m. : Space Trivia begins

11 a.m.: Storefronts ready for judging

11:30 a.m.: Team Events (skits)
Noon: Chili ready for public tasting

1:30 p.m. : Games

2 p.m. : Turn in Judge's Chili

2:30 p.m. : Turn in "People's Choice" votes

5 p.m. : Awards Ceremony

Tickets are available for \$6 at the cookoff.

For more information: http://chili.jsc.nasa.gov



#### A day at the fair

#### Mark your calendar for the Spring Safety and Health Fair on May 11

This year's Spring Safety and Health Fair theme is "Safety 'Round the Clock," focusing on learning to take care of yourself both at home and work. The event is Friday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gilruth Center. Along with the fair is a child car seat check that will take place in the south parking lot.

At the fair, employees can expect to gather information about such diverse subjects as home safety (fire, child poisoning, security, neighborhood harmony); fitness and nutrition; boating and water safety; automobile safety; drugs in the schools; recreation (scooters and bicycles); personal protection (identity theft) and even weather safety.

People can participate in a 10-minute introduction to massage to relieve workday stress, pick up a child identification kit or find out when the latest power and sailboat safety classes will be held. Before they leave, they are also welcome to a free hot dog and popcorn. So for a fun-filled, educational and beneficial time, the May 11 Spring Safety and Health Fair will be the place to go.



### HIGH TECH HAPPENINGS

## Expo to show off latest ODIN technology

For the third year in a row OAO is hosting, in conjunction with ISD, an information technology exposition.

The ODIN Alliance-Technology Expo 2001 will be Thursday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gilruth Ballroom. The Expo is offered to all JSC federal and contractor employees.

The ODIN Alliance team members (Dell, Microsoft, Apple, HP, Cisco and others) will present the newest and greatest technology offered under the ODIN contract. The Expo vendors will be connected to the JSC network using the wireless 802.11 industry standard, displaying the latest in network technology.

This year there will be breakout sessions again with demonstrations and training from the vendors at the show. There will also be giveaways and refreshments for all that attend.

Stay tuned for more details to www.houston.ooo.com/csd/odin\_expo

## JSC NetUniversity allows the computer to be your classroom

JSC civil servants have a new training resource at their fingertips: JSC NetUniversity. Launched in February 2001, NetUniversity will become the web portal for all of JSC's general-audience web-based training, including computer-related, business and professional effectiveness courses.

Do you have an immediate training need and don't have time to wait for a scheduled course? Is it difficult for you to plan your training schedule several weeks in advance? Do you learn better on your own, at your own pace rather than classroom style? Then, JSC NetUniversity may be just what you need: train at your workstation, at your own pace, just when you need it.

Check out JSC NetUniversity at http://hro.jsc.noso.gov/troining/wbt/. You'll find more than 100 basic and advanced computer-related courses offered through SmartForce.

Topics include:

- Microsoft Office
- Windows 2000
- Programming languages (C++, Java, Visual Basic, etc.),
- Web Development and more You'll also find more than 400

business and professional effectiveness courses offered through SkillSoft.

Topics include:

- Communication
- LeadershipTeam building
- Project Management
- Project ManagemenCustomer Service
- Finance
- Strategic planning
- Knowledge management and more

SmartForce courses emulate the program you are learning to enhance the learning process. First you are presented information and watch a demonstration. Then, you are encouraged to perform typical "real-life" tasks in a simulated version of the application. In the simulations, SmartForce re-created portions of the application so you can experience a product without having it loaded on your system. Appropriate feedback is provided to help you through the tasks.

If your organization would like a live demo of JSC NetUniversity, please call Kay Westfall at x33072 or Erica Vandersand at x31999. Use the feedback button on the JSC NetUniversity page to let them know what you think.